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Battalions rotate

2/3 home after seven-month deployment

Cpl. Roman Yurek
Combat Correspondent

Marines from 2nd Bn., 3rd Marine Regiment, and Charlie Battery, 1st Bn., 12th Marine Regiment, returned to their family and friends at MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, after a seven-month deployment to Okinawa, Japan.

From July 4 through 6 and 13, family members of 2/3 flocked toward the base Commissary parking lot to meet their husbands and fathers.

Each battalion in the regiment participates in a Unit Deployment Program that sends them to Okinawa for seven months, during which time the units trained in other areas of the Pacific.

Friday the final group from the deployment will return for 14 months of training here in Hawaii.

While the Marines were deployed, they were able to use the assets that the 3rd Marine Division has, explained Capt. Louis Bush, the operations officer for 2/3.

Some of the highlights

of the deployment included a training evolution that allowed the infantry Marines to coordinate with helicopter and fixed wing aircraft. Some Marines were also sent to Camp Fuji, Japan for a month. More than 150 Marines participated in Exercise Tandem Thrust in Australia at the end of the deployment.

"Everything moved extremely fast, we went from one operation to another and didn't have much time to think about anything else. However, it is good to be home," said Bush.

The first group of the main body returned nearly eight hours ahead of schedule. A flight was available and Marines from Headquarters and Service Co., Echo Co., and Weapons Co., were able to return early.

For Cpl. Dwayne Williams, a squad leader in Echo Co., the homecoming had a different twist. His wife, Devonte Bush, the operations officer for 2/3.

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Cpl. Roman Yurek

Many Marines from 2/3 were greeted by their families, but for Cpl. Dwayne Williams, from Echo Co., 2/3, his greeting had an added surprise. He was able to pick up his daughter Ebony after seeing her walk for the first time.

1/3 leaves Hawaii for Okinawa

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Though the time for separation and deployment came for 1st Bn., 3rd Marine Regiment, and Alpha Battery, 1st Bn., 12th Marine Regiment, the families awaiting the Marines and Sailors departure at the Commissary parking lot July 3-6 and 12 talked and joked to their Marines before they left as if these were just any other days.

Today the final group of Marines departed for Okinawa, Japan, but in the parking lot before boarding the bus, the families gathered to say their good-byes and then comfort one another for the separation time ahead.

All three battalions in 3rd Marines and all three batteries in 1/12 regularly rotate to Okinawa in seven-month increments through the Unit Deployment Program.

Once in Okinawa, 1/3

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Navy/Marine Corps intranet girds for 'cyber attacks'

Gerry J. Gilmore

American Forces Press Service

ARLINGTON, Va. — The precedent-setting Navy/Marine Corps Intranet will harness the latest information security technologies and practices to ward off computer hackers seeking to compromise the system, DoD officials say.

Information superiority is a key goal as the department moves into the 21st century, said Scott Henderson, the NMCI information assurance division chief with the Space and Naval Warfare

Systems Command, San Diego. Safeguarding that information, he added, is crucial to mission success.

"One of our critical capabilities will be how we are able to defend our information and our information systems from an adversary's attack," Henderson said June 26 at an NMCI news conference, here. "The Navy-Marine Corps Intranet will be one of the primary vehicles within the Department of the Navy to actually achieve that mission."

The \$6 billion, NMCI network is DoD's largest information technology

contract ever, Pentagon officials noted. The system is slated for completion in 2003 and will consolidate 200 separate Navy and Marine Corps computer systems involving some 400,000 desktop machines. Army and Air Force computer systems, officials said, will be interoperable with the NMCI.

While the NMCI consolidation should save the Navy about \$2 billion over the life of the initial five-year contract, Henderson said the system would be useless if hackers can compromise it at will.

For example, successful intrusions, or attacks, on Navy computer systems increased from 89 in 2000 to 125 so far this year, according to Navy documents.

The number and types of detected computer viruses have also grown each year, Henderson noted, a reflection of computer hackers' increased skills and organization.

To "harden" it against possible intrusions, Henderson said the NMCI will feature security operations cells located

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Marines join Kailua community in celebrating nation's independence

Sgt. Otto C. Pleil-Muete

MarForPac Public Affairs

KAILUA — Red, white, and blue streamed through the Kailua community July 4, during the 55th Annual Independence Day Parade.

More than 100 entries marched down Kainalu Drive from 10 a.m. to noon, showing off their patriotism to the local housing community lined with hundreds of cheerful spectators.

"It was a terrific parade," said Army Lt. Col. Anita Pedersen, a pediatrician at Tripler Army Medical Center, who video-taped the event outside her home. "I just love small community parades. I think that's what makes Kailua special. It brings a lot of people together for

events like this."

The bright, midday event was headed off by a Marine color guard from 3rd Marine Regiment and continued with numerous floats, displays, and entertainers from throughout the local community.

"There was a good variety of entries," said Sgt. Howard Pruitt, a crew

chief from Marine Helicopter Training Squadron 301. The first half of the parade included several entries that attracted Pruitt's attention such as the water sport entry and another with large remote-controlled planes.

"It was a very family-oriented event," said Sgt. Jeffrey Rounds, Combat Service Support Group 3 automotive mechanic. "The atmos-

phere was great for spending quality time together."

During the second half of the parade, the Marine Forces Pacific Band showed off their Dress Blue Delta uniforms and shiny instruments as they provided tunes such as the Marines' Hymn to enliven the audience for the following entries.

"I loved the bands — especially the Marines," said Pedersen. "They're top-notch and very professional. I think everyone appreciated them, and what they and the rest of the military have to offer the local community."

More Marines showed off their full dress blue uniforms afterward as the Marine Corps Community

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Sgt. Otto C. Pleil-Muete

A clown provides spectators one of his many smiles during Kailua's 55th annual 4th of July parade.

MCBH NEWS BRIEFS

BASE SAFETY TO CHECK CHILD SEATS SATURDAY

Currently, more than 90 percent of parents are misusing child passenger safety seats, and in Hawaii approximately 50 percent of parents don't bother at all to use CPS seats.

However, in addition to nationwide guidelines set by the National Highway Safety Agency, Marine Corps Order 5100.19E requires that all children under the age of four years old and weighing less than 45 pounds must be properly secured in a child safety seat that meets standards set by the NHTSA.

To support awareness and education, the Base Safety Center will be conducting inspections of child passenger safety seats, Saturday, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the corner of 3rd Street and "E" Street, which is near the parking lot fronting Building 279.

Volunteer technicians from the NHTSA and the Automobile Association of America will check for proper installation of safety restraints and assist parents in the proper use of CPS restraints. The Keiki Injury Prevention Coalition and the Hawaii State Department of Health are also supporting this event.

Point of contact for this event is Dan Martyniuk or Gunnery Sgt. David Welker at 257-1831.

INCREASED TRAINING EXPECTED

Increased training activities should be anticipated Monday through July 21 due to an exercise in conjunction with local authorities aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay.

Areas near the Boondocker, West Field and the beach cottages will be most affected by the exercise.

EOD MARINES SOUGHT

The Explosive Ordnance Disposal field is looking for motivated Marines to lateral move into Military Occupational Specialty 2336 and join their ranks.

Volunteers must be a corporal or sergeant, a U.S. citizen, have a GT of 110 or higher, and be able to hold a secret security clearance.

Motivated Marines meeting these basic requirements should contact their career planner or call 257-7112 for more details.

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CSSG-3 goes on the road, gets whirlwind PME, tours of key sites

1st Lt. Justin Goering Operations Officer, CSSG-3

In the Marine Corps, we are obligated to "be technically and tactically proficient." Along with "know yourself and seek self-improvement," leadership principles such as these are the foundation of a sound professional military education that enables leaders to become masters of their trade.

A strong professional education gives Marines an understanding of the procedures and techniques required to support and defend our nation regardless of their occupation within the United States Marine Corps.

In the constant pursuit of professional knowledge, Combat Service Support Group 3 recently traveled on a whirlwind, PME pilgrimage to visit key Combat Service Support and logistics nodes.

Seventeen officers and staff non-commissioned officers from CSSG-3 gained first-hand knowledge of aviation assets stationed aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, by flying to St. Louis, Missouri courtesy of VR-51.

Climbing aboard the U.S. Navy C-20 Gulf Stream, personnel gained an understanding of multi-faceted levels of support aircraft available within the Department of Defense.

Their first stop was the Marine Detachment at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

The Marine Detachment takes Marines who have completed basic training and Marine Combat Training and trains them with the basic skills they



1st Lt. Justin Goering

Top—CSSG-3 visits the MTRV simulator at Fort Leonard Wood. Above—A few of the more than 3.3 million packages shipped daily by FedEx.

will need to gain their military occupational specialty as motor transport operators, engineer equipment operators, military police, and Nuclear, Biological, Chemical warfare specialists.

The Marine Detachment is also responsible for the administrative control of the administrative control of Marine Corps captains attending the Advanced Logistics Course.

Group personnel had the opportunity to tour the Marine facilities aboard Fort Leonard Wood and meet some of the instructors.

They also visited the new Medium Tactical Vehicle Replacement simulator and took a simulated ride in the Marine Corps' new medium tactical vehicle. Then it was off to the United States Transportation Command at Scott AFB, Ill.

If you need to move, it's

the men and women of USTransCom who will get you where you need to go.

USTransCom is the control network that manages every aspect of the military transportation system.

Planes, trains, ships, and trucks are scheduled, tracked, and routed by each of the subordinate commands that make up USTransCom.

As personnel toured the mobility control center, they got a chance to see the complexities of unit movements at the strategic level.

As Air Force Capt. Dunn, Air Mobility Command liaison, explained, "Most unit movement delays are usually due to priority. For instance, when some of the Marines from Hawaii were left stranded in Korea after (Exercise Ulchi Focus Lens) last year, it was the result of '1A1' priority missions bumping their flight."

The mission priority "1A1" is associated with the President of the United States. When the president flies, he carries more than 150 aircraft missions of equipment and personnel with him. When one of the aircraft serving presidential missions breaks down, the new aircraft is taken from one of the missions of a lower priority.

"The most important thing you can remember

about logistics is to be patient.

There are a lot of people who are working out the details, and you should rest assured that someone will move your unit as soon as it is possible," said Maj Allworth, Marine Corps liaison.

Following the tour, personnel toured the AMC co-located with USTransCom at Scott AFB.

The final leg of the trip took personnel to the Federal Express worldwide headquarters in Memphis, Tenn.

While at Federal Express, Marines witnessed the techniques used by their counterparts.

With rooms full of air traffic controllers, Federal Express moves more than 3.3 million packages to more than 200 countries daily.

Group personnel had an opportunity to tour the facility and compare Federal Express's Global Operations Control Center with USTransCom's mobility control center.

The similarity drove home that logistics in its most basic form is always just the movement of personnel and equipment by modes of conveyance.

With their range of logistics knowledge expanded, Marines and Sailors headed home remembering the words of MCDP 1 Warfighting: "The responsibility for implementing professional military education in the Marine Corps is three-tiered.

"It resides not only with the education establishment, but also with the commander and the individual."

'Hearts of Volunteers' drive N/MCRS

Lisa Aszklar

Navy/Marine Corps Relief Society

In the movie "Pearl Harbor," Army Air Corps Lt. Col. Jimmy Doolittle, played by Alec Baldwin, is given command of a retaliatory airstrike on Tokyo in April 1942.

Standing aboard the USS Hornet, Lt. Col. Doolittle surveyed several of the pilots who stepped forward to partake in the dangerous mission.

As he thoughtfully watches two of his pilots, he comments to another officer, "There's nothing stronger than the heart of a volunteer."

Yes, never has a truer sentence been uttered. "There's nothing stronger than the heart of a volunteer."

As history proved during that strike on Tokyo and has continued to prove throughout every conflict in which American soldiers, Sailors, airmen and Marines have been involved; there is certainly no stronger force an enemy can face than the dedication of our Armed Forces.

The determination to avenge a wrong, coupled with an unabashed belief in what is just and fair has proven to be the hallmark of every man and woman who has ever served our country.

The importance of those individuals who choose to give of themselves to make a difference in the lives of their fellow citizens is not lost. The selflessness these individuals exhibit is truly commendable, and especially so when one considers that, by definition, a volunteer is not compensated in monetary terms for the time and effort expended on behalf of others.

The heart of a volunteer recognizes

an undeniable need to devote time and to give for only one purpose: to help the situation of someone else. The fact that that "someone else" is a total stranger makes the effort, which comes from deep within, all the more special.

Volunteers Founded N/MCRS

Volunteers who sought to improve the lives of widows and orphans of U.S.

Navy personnel founded the Navy/Marine Corps Relief Society in 1904. Over the years, innumerable servicemembers and their family members have called upon the society to help when emergencies occur. This alone is remarkable, but it is astounding that N/MCRS is staffed by more than 3,000 volunteers worldwide, with only a very small paid administrative staff.

Why? Why do so many men and women — civilians, active duty and retired military personnel, and spouses of military personnel — choose to spend their own time doing a variety



Cpl. Roman Yurek

A Navy/Marine Corps Relief Society volunteer eagerly awaits to assist a walk-in.

of jobs with absolutely no monetary compensation?

They choose to give their time because of an unwavering belief that their efforts, in some small way, will make life just a little better for someone else. The volunteer seeks no thanks, and in many cases, those they've helped never know their name. But deep inside, the heart of the N/MCRS volunteer is strengthened by the belief that they've made a difference to their fellow Sailor or Marine.

N/MCRS Needs Volunteers

The Navy/-Marine Corps Relief Society offices at MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, and Naval Base, Pearl Harbor, are in need of volunteers for several key positions such as receptionists, program managers and caseworkers.

Childcare and mileage expenses for volunteers are reimbursed by the N/MCRS.

To join the "Hawaii Ohana" of the N/MCRS, call 254-1327 or 254-1328 for K-Bay. Call the Naval Base, Pearl Harbor office at 423-1324.

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As the band played, children watched the concert with small American flags in hand. The patriotism of the base was shown as more than 150 spectators came to Dewey Square to listen to the sound of the MarForPac Band.

MarForPac Band entertained with swing, vocals, variety at Independence Day concert



Marines from 1/12 assisted the band as they played the “1812 Overture.” To do so, they fired shots from cannons accompanying the music.

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Activities abounded in local city streets during the day, while explosions of red, white and blue fireworks illuminated the skies, but one event on July 4 may not have been as traditional to many people, however.

For MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, it is customary for the Marine Forces Pacific Band to play in full force, during the band’s annual Fourth of July concert at Dewey Square.

The concert kicked off with an instrumental and vocal performance by the MarForPac Show Band, which entertained a crowd of more than 150 spectators.

Unlike a traditional military band, this group performed a variety of musical tastes from ska to funk and they even played swing music.

“We are here to entertain you and let you all have fun. So if you feel like dancing, just get up,” said Master Sgt. Ronald Hackler, enlisted band-leader, as the Show Band was warming up.

The show band began their medley of songs with “Spiderwebs,” by popular Ska band No Doubt.

The vocals were sung by

vocalist Staff Sgt. Stephanie May. She wasn’t the only member of the band to show off musical vocal talent.

Hackler, May and Lance Cpl. Brian Baksic sang the Brian Setzer hit “Jump, Jive and Wail.”

For the remainder of the Show Band’s performance, May and Hackler were the featured vocalists.

After this part of the concert was over, the MarForPac Band featured the Windward Horn Quartet, whose talents will be showcased aboard later this year.

Then it was on to play more traditional concert music. While children ran around with small American Flags in hand, the band continued to serenade the audience.

For traditional flair, the band played Tchaikovsky’s “1812 Overture” with the help of Marines from 1st Bn., 12th Marine regiment. As the song reached the height of its crescendo, the eight Marines from 1/12 pulled the cannon’s lanyards sending off a loud boom.

Each cannon was fired three times to coincide with the music being played.

The band ended the concert on a more traditional note by closing it with the “Marines’ Hymn.”



Above Left – Lance Cpl. Brian Bakic, Staff Sgt. Stephanie May and Master Sgt. Ronald Hackler gathered at the microphones to sing the swinging sounds of Brian Setzer. Above Right – Staff Sgt. Stephanie May, a vocalist for the band, showcased her vocal abilities during the 4th of July concert. She kicked off the show by singing “Spiderwebs,” by No Doubt.



WORD ON THE STREET

Are you going to BayFest?



“No, the rides are generally for adults, and I have a little girl, and she can’t ride on them.”

Petty Officer 3rd Class Anne M. Nichols
Mess specialist
ComPatRecon-ForPac

“Yes, my family and I went last year and had a really good time. Also, we want to see Sister Hazel.”

Elizabeth Griffo
Supervisor,
Store 301
MCCS



“Yes, because it’s affordable, family entertainment. Where else can you go to see a concert, enjoy a carnival, and see some fun events for only six dollars?”

Staff Sgt. Tommy F. Hess
Warehouse chief
CSSG-3

“No, I’m new to the island, and I don’t know what BayFest is about yet, although my children are going.”

CWO-3 Scott Norton
Battalion
Gunner
2/3



“Yes, I’m definitely going to see Sister Hazel, and I had fun last year, and it should be fun again this year.”

Cpl. Brooks L. Guertin
Logistics data clerk
CSSG-3

“Yes, my peers say it’s a really big event on the island, and the hip-hop group “Escape” is from my home town of Atlanta, Ga.”

Pfc. Greg L. Daniels
Warehouse clerk
CSSG-3





Sgt. Otto C. Pleil-Muete

Alongside other members of the Marine Forces Pacific Band, wind musicians Corporal Miicky Janeaux and Lance Cpl. Brian Baksic help enliven crowds as they play and march in cadence, past the spectators gathered on Kainalu Road in Kailua to celebrate Independence Day.



Sgt. Otto C. Pleil-Muete

Judges for the Kailua Fourth of July Parade included (from left to right) Col. John LeMoine, deputy commander, MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, his wife Kathleen, and Korean War veteran Louis F. DeVirgilio. Andy Conboy (right) served as the master of ceremonies.

CYBER, *From A-1*

with each of the system’s six network operation centers at Quantico and Norfolk, Va.; Jacksonville, Fla.; Oahu, Hawaii; San Diego; and Puget Sound, Washington. The Norfolk network operations center began operations Monday, Henderson said.

Technicians at each NOC — using standardized security policies and procedures — will oversee network firewalls, virus and content scanning, encryption management, remote access servers, and other safeguards, he said. Security initiatives, he added, will also include incident detection and response capabilities.

- Henderson remarked that the NMCI system features five principal information assurance or security properties:
- Availability - Authorized users can properly access online information systems.
 - Integrity - Safeguard information or communications from modification by unauthorized users.
 - Authentication - A degree of certainty or assurance that information/communications are provided by autho-

rized sources.

Confidentiality - Only authorized individuals have access to sensitive information.

Non-repudiation - There is some proof of sending and receiving information/communications for tracking/documentation purposes.

“We have implemented protection mechanisms to provide each of these five services,” Henderson said of NMCI security initiatives.

He said the completed NMCI network would use an interconnected, “defense-in-depth” infrastructure that acts as both a barrier and as an early-warning detection system to ward off or provide rapid response to potential cyber attacks.

Henderson opined that better government intrusion detection systems and increased hacker attacks combined to produce more than 23,000 detected “events” or possible incursions on DoD unclassified computer networks in 2000, compared to 225 such incidents in 1994.

“It just shows the magnitude of the problem out there,” he said, again noting that hacking is on the increase.



Sgt. Otto C. Pleil-Muete

Marines from 3rd Marine Regiment lead the 4th of July parade in Kailua.

KAILUA, *From A-1*

Services entry floated by, informing the public about the upcoming Bayfest 2001 celebration to be held at MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay this weekend.

Despite the mid-summer heat and burning Hawaii sun, Kailua residents enjoyed their late morning with an entertaining display of community pride.

“I think every-

body was happy to be there,” remarked a local tourist, Fred Manutahi.

The Fourth of July celebration continued into the evening with a local aerial show and fireworks display

in Kailua.

The Marine Forces Pacific Band also continued their entertainment later in the evening with a concert at Dewey Square aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay.

Crew gives attention to detail, provides life support

Sgt. Richard W. Holtgraver Jr.
Combat Correspondent

Marines and Sailors from the Flight Equipment Section of Marine Aviation Logistics Support Element, Kaneohe, take great pride in their work — and it shows in their slogan used when referring to themselves:



Sgt Richard W. Holtgraver Jr.

Seaman Apprentice Robert F. Tauber, a parachute rigger for the Flight Equipment Section of MALSEK, and Seaman Apprentice James E. Collins, an aircrew survival equipment technician, work together to ensure that a 12 man raft is properly secured as part of their inspection process of life-saving gear.

“We’re the last ones to let you down.”
The Flight Equipment Section inspects all life-saving equipment aboard the aircraft of Aviation Support Element, Kaneohe, and Commander, Patrol, and Reconnaissance Force Pacific.
If an aircrew ever needs to use the life-saving gear aboard one of the aircraft, they’re thankful that these Marines and Sailors pay close attention to detail when inspecting this equipment.

Everything from life preservers, life rafts, parachutes, and oxygen equipment are constantly being tested and inspected for serviceability by the Flight Equipment Section on a daily basis.
“We hope our gear is never needed, but if and when it is, we are confident the gear will operate the way it should,” said Petty Officer 1st Class Anthony C. Dunbar, noncommissioned officer in charge of the Aviation Life Support Section.

The inspection of more than 1,200 pieces of life-saving equipment a month keeps everyone in the section busy, according to Dunbar.
“There is a lot to do here, and if you’re not doing some type of work then something is getting missed,” added Cpl. Anthony J. Cech, a survival equipment technician.
So far, the unit has not had any of the equipment fail when it is needed.
“Just like the rest of MALSEK, our Marines and Sailors are starting to work as a team to understand each others mission requirements,” said Dunbar.
“We’re doing really well, and we’ve started to turn the corner this past year.”



Sgt Richard W. Holtgraver Jr.

Corporal Anthony J. Cech, a survival equipment technician, checks the air pressure of an LPU-34/P life preserver to make sure it maintains 3.25 pounds of pressure per square inch for approximately one hour after inflation.

That corner of understanding and teamwork is reflected by comments made by those who work in the shop.
“We have a strong shop here. It’s almost like a family,” said Cech. “If we didn’t have this type of work environment then someone would miss something during an inspection, and that puts other peoples’ lives in jeopardy.”
Regardless of how they get along with each other, the personnel of the Flight Equipment Section of MALSEK have a large responsibility to the equipment they inspect and the people who may ultimately need to use it someday. And because the Marines and Sailors work so well together, the flight crews with the ASEK can feel confident in the gear they take into the sky everyday.

DIs mold, sacrifice all for the Corps

Cpl. Roman Yurek
Combat Correspondent

A white bus heads toward the gate of the base early in the morning. The sun has not yet peeked over the horizon. Inside are a group of young men and women told to keep silent – heads facing forward.

As the bus slows to a halt, the confused and somewhat terrified people watch as the figure that picked them up debarks the bus. With the door to the vehicle open, nothing can be heard, not even the song of birds.

Then, a whirlwind of confusion strikes these civilians, turning the quiet atmosphere into a storm of yelling and running.

“Get off my bus and on my footprints,” yells a drill instructor nearly every week at Marine Corps Recruit Depots San Diego and Parris Island.

The new recruits quickly match their feet up to yellow footprints where millions of other recruits once stood before them to begin the transformation from civilian to Marine.

For the first time, they all meet a Marine who will not only train them, but also imbed the Corps’ ideals into their minds forever.

The Marine Corps drill instructor: A near brick wall standing straight up – no imperfections. The hair — neatly groomed or always freshly cut to a high-and-tight. The face — taut, rigid or cleanly shaven with piercing eyes. The uniform — meticu-

lous. The presence — intense.

But probably the most memorable feature about the DI is the voice. A loud raspy sound that at first seems like another language. After three months, recruits learn to understand it.

Now the future of the Marine Corps rests in the hands of sergeants and above to mold these clueless individuals into Marines.

“I will develop them into smartly disciplined, physically fit, basically trained Marines, thoroughly indoctrinated in love of the Corps and country,” reads an excerpt from the DI Creed.

Drill instructors did not always train Marines. Prior to 1911, new Marines received basic training from the senior Marines in their unit.

However, since there were no set training standards, one Marine may have never been given the same knowledge as another Marine from a different unit.

So to remedy this problem, Maj. Gen. William Biddle, the 11th commandant of the Marine Corps, centralized recruit train-

ing into four depots. These four were condensed with the opening of MCRD Parris Island, in 1915, and MCRD San Diego, in 1923.

Now, DIs train the Corps’ future with the same standards on both depots, but it would still be a few years until training was completely regimented into a set schedule.

When America became involved in World War II, recruit training was only a few weeks long in order to get more Marines out fighting. By 1947, training was back up to 10 weeks in length, but it would

again be cut short when the Korean War started.

This brought about a change in the type of Marines that served as DIs. Many Marines remember a sergeant or staff noncommissioned officer turning red in the face as either yelled and stomped around. During the Korean War, a select group of privates first class and above trained future Marines.

In 1954, the Marine Corps DI billets were once again held by noncommissioned officers and staff NCOs.

Currently, any Marine wanting to become a DI must be at least a sergeant and show high levels of

maturity, leadership, judgment and professionalism.

“Some of the benefits of being a drill instructor are that you’re working with some of the best Marines in the Corps and probably some of the finest individuals America has to offer,” said Staff Sgt. Mark Byrd, series gunnery sergeant for Hotel Co., 2nd Recruit Training Bn., MCRD San Diego.

Marines can usually describe their DI as looking perfect; both in

their uniform and grooming, but a trademark that defines DIs is their cover. “The Hat” or “Smokey” campaign cover that shadows a DI’s face was never worn by DIs prior to 1956.

In the past, DIs wore the green garrison cover, but in 1956, the recognizable “Smokey” cover was issued to all male DIs.

For 40 years, only males were authorized to wear the cover; all female DIs had to wear a scarlet shoulder cord.

Former Commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen. Charles Krulak, authorized the wear of “the Hat” to all DIs, male and female, in 1996.

“It was a much needed

step and we were behind the times,” said 1st Sgt. Kimberly Bush, first sergeant for Headquarters and Service Co., Headquarters Bn. She was a DI from 1995 to 1998, during the time when females wore the shoulder cord and when the transition was made allowing all Marine DIs to wear the same uniform.

Now, the intimidation of the hard shadow cast by the brim of the low riding Smokey can push civilians to their limits and help them earn the right to wear the eagle, globe and anchor.

Even though all DIs have gone through “boot camp” upon enlistment, they go through another 12 weeks of rigorous mental and physical conditioning to learn how to mold kids off the streets into “one of the few and proud.”

Much of DI school consists of ameliorating the basic knowledge each Marine has of the Corps’ history, regulations and values. This advanced knowledge will allow each to answer questions from recruits and train them as Marines.

The experience of transforming close to 100 recruits into Marines can be rewarding, but the job of a DI can take a toll on that Marine’s family.

“You can spend seven days a week and as much as 130 hours of that week with recruits. It doesn’t take a rocket scientist to figure that once you add in some sleep time, your

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Courtesy of MCRD San Diego

Displaying the quintessential image of a Marine drill instructor, an MCRD San Diego DI showcases one of his toughest looks.

SALUTES

Combat Service Support Group -3

Fleet Marine Forces Enlisted Warfare Specialist Device
Petty Officer 1st Class Vernon L. Fields
Petty Officer 1st Class Kristi A. Bryner
Petty Officer 2nd Class Trudy A. Carmichael

Marine Corps Air Facility

Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal
Chief Petty Officer John K. Gay (4th award)
Petty Officer 1st Class Christopher E. Kidd (4th award)
Staff Sgt. Jonathon M. Brewer (3rd award)

Federal Length of Service Award
Craig W. H. Young (25 years)
Johnson A. Bolibol (25 years)

John G. Putman (15 years)

Good Conduct Medal
Gunnery Sgt. John A. Hunt (6th award)

Promotions
Cpl. Gabriel Cruz
Cpl. Luke R. Hofacker
Cpl. Luke S. Telford
Cpl. Avag K. Topachikyan
Lance Cpl. Warren N. Anderson
Lance Cpl. Brett J. Cyrzan
Lance Cpl. Thomas O. Hereim
Lance Cpl. Ezekiel D. Roush

Headquarters Bn., MCB Hawaii

Navy & Marine Corps Commendation Medal
Capt. William T. Hennessy
Capt. Jeffery G. Young
CWO-3 Douglas F. Brush
Master Sgt. Joseph R. Slappey
Gunnery Sgt. John E. Der



Gunnery Sgt. David L. Michael S. Thompson
Vollbach
Staff Sgt. Christopher J. Mellen
Petty Officer 2nd Class Staff Sgt. William H. Kartune

Navy & Marine Corps Achievement Medal
Staff Sgt. Raoul Pina
Sgt. Jason W. Deyoung
Cpl. Fidel Camerena Jr.
Cpl. Matthew P. Muscari

Certificate of Commendation
Staff Sgt. Rolando N. Calderon
Staff Sgt. Norma Macias
Cpl. Jonathan L. Mosler
Lance Cpl. Joshua B. Beebe
Lance Cpl. Jose A. Delgado
Lance Cpl. Dylan T. Kilgore
Lance Cpl. Simon D. Martin

Promotions
Gunnery Sgt. Kenneth Franklin
Sgt. Adriano P. Garcia Jr.
Sgt. Jhon F. Henamorales
Sgt. Michael J. Herbert
Sgt. Floyd E. Holley
Sgt. Joey A. Merindo
Sgt. Richard S. Nelson
Sgt. Michael P. Perez
Sgt. Leah B. Philbrook
Sgt. Heather L. Salazar

Sgt. Martin C. Smith
Sgt. Artson S. Talley
Cpl. Andrew J. Boland
Cpl. John Brandstatter
Cpl. Ryan S. Brossman
Cpl. Robert F. Champaign
Cpl. Charles N. Double Jr.
Cpl. Heather L. Dyer
Cpl. Justin B. Krcha
Cpl. Julio O. Martinez
Cpl. Kenneth L. Rhodes
Cpl. Malo Tigerina
Cpl. Emerald M. Trias
Cpl. Mark R. Vass
Cpl. Andrew M. Webster
Cpl. Jason A. West
Cpl. Jason P. West
Cpl. Ri C. Yu
Lance Cpl. David O. Merizalde

Patrol Squadron 4

Navy Commendation
Lt. Cmdr. Drew R. Kuepper
Lt. Cmdr. Scott J. Miller
Master Chief Petty Officer Seuseu L. Suamataia
Petty Officer 1st Class Carl D. Ratliff

EVERY CLIME AND PLACE

15th MEU attacks, earns coveted SOC certification

Sgt. Joseph R. Chenelly
15th MEU Public Affairs

ABOARD USS PELELIU — The 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit met every challenge thrown their way during the Special Operations Capable Exercise June 23 - July 2, earning the coveted SOC certification that will enable the unit to embark on its six-month Western Pacific deployment to the Indian Ocean and Arabian Gulf next month.

Concluding a high-tempo training cycle that began in February, the 15th MEU(SOC) successfully showcased its ability to conduct maritime special operations, amphibious operations, and military operations other than war to complete the rigorous, comprehensive certification process.

“Your efforts over the last five months of the pre-deployment training cycle not only resulted in an extremely safe and successful MEU(SOC) certification,” Col. Thomas D. Waldhauser, commanding officer of the 15th MEU(SOC) told his Marines and Sailors, “But it thoroughly prepared this MEU



Lance Cpl. Jason E. Garcia

Staff Sgt. Marcus P. Chamberlin, 31, a support detachment chief, with MEU Service Support Group 15, briefs ‘American citizens’ on what to expect while being evacuated during a Noncombatant Evacuation Operation exercise.

for any challenge it might face during the upcoming Western Pacific deployment.”

The I Marine Expeditionary Force’s G-7 provided a training scenario complete with hundreds of Marines from other units acting as enemy force aggressors as well as American citizens and third-world country nationals. Department of State representatives also portrayed American embassy officials complete with a U.S. Ambassador to the notional

country in which the MEU was operating.

The I MEF G-7’s Tactical Exercise Control Group and 13th MEU personnel evaluated the MEU throughout every phase of the exercise.

The MEU staff was graded from the time the first warning order was passed down until the execution of the final mission nearly 10 days later. To maintain the maximum level of realism, the time and order in which each mission was assigned was kept secret.

The entire MEU embarked aboard the USS Peleliu Amphibious Ready Group for the duration of the exercise. From 50 miles at sea off the coast of Southern California, the MEU launched helicopters, Harrier jets and landing crafts from the flight and well decks of the USS Peleliu (LHA-5), USS Comstock (LSD-45) and USS Dubuque (LPD-8).

To best exercise the abilities of the 15th MEU (SOC)’s Ground Combat Element, Air Combat Element and Combat Service Support Element individually, each was tasked with complex training missions that involved



Lance Cpl. Jason E. Garcia

Lance Cpl. Raymond L. Morrison, 24, a network administrator with MEU Service Support Group 15, escorts an injured American citizen’ to a stretcher during a NEO exercise.

one element assuming the lead in a mission inherent to their capabilities while the remaining elements provided crucial support.

The rotation of responsibility continued throughout SOCEX’s eight major mission profiles.

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Camp Smith attracted best fireworks displays

Sgt. Otto C. Pleil-Muete
MarForPac Public Affairs

CAMP H.M. SMITH – The quiet, moonlit night was suddenly interrupted July 4th as a long line of headlights drove in toward Bordelon Field aboard Camp H.M. Smith.

Service members and their families went there only minutes before the beginning of several fireworks displays which began at approximately 8:30 p.m.

From the top of the hills at H a l a w a Heights, Camp H.M. Smith provided more than a 180-degree panoramic view of the surrounding beaches, hills, and cities expanding from one extreme to another.

“This has to be the best view on the island because you can see all the fireworks displays from Pearl Harbor to Waikiki and Diamond Head,” said Cpl.



Sgt. Otto C. Pleil-Muete

A parent delights her youngster with a small but safe display of fireworks.

Eric Devors, a Marine Forces Pacific unit diary clerk.

After watching fireworks from Bordelon Field for the past two years, Devors said although the magnitude of the fireworks displays has declined, there has been an increase in the number of spectators that watch the fireworks display from Camp Smith.

“I think the word is getting out because there is usually only 20-30 people out here,” explained Devors.

More than 50 cars lined the track at one time, as families got out and prepared for the evening show of fireworks.

“You can’t beat the view from here and you don’t have to deal with all the crowds down town,” explained Staff Sgt. John Caraway, a MarForPac intelligence chief.

Silhouettes made their way to the edge of the track with lawnchairs and sitting mats in front of the numerous bright lights hanging motionless in the distance. Only the brightly-lit American flag remained discernable amongst the crowd of people at the edge of their trucks or huddled in groups on the grass.

Then a sudden burst of color lit up in the distance heralding the beginning of the show, followed by other bursts of color only seconds later.

“Ooh. Wow!,” exclaimed children in the crowd.

Three fireworks displays decorated



Sgt. Otto C. Pleil-Muete

A group of silhouetted spectators watch multiple fireworks setting off in the distance above, complete with a panoramic view of the city lights surrounding Camp H.M. Smith.

the surrounding cities at one time.

“New Year’s is probably the best time to see fireworks from here because they all go off at the same time,” said Devors.

After 30 minutes of fireworks displays, families jumped back into their vehicles and left the scene to carry on with its dark and quiet state as they’d found it..

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on the ground, and for the first time, Williams saw his daughter walk.

“I may not have been here for the first steps she ever took, but these are the most memorable ones to me,” said Williams, after his daughter walked over to him with arms wide open.

As the Marines filed off the buses, they were greeted by friends and loved ones.

At the parking lot, there were tents set up with tables of cookies and other baked goods that the wives prepared for their

missed husbands.

Now that the battalion is back, the Marines will be able to take some time off to go back to the mainland or relax ‘on island.’

When the leave time is over, Bush said that the Marines can expect to go back to training for their next deployment.

After two months of training, the Marines will depart for the Pohakuloa Training Area in October, to help their sister battalion, 3rd Bn., 3rd Marines.

At that time, 3/3 will be going through their Marine Corps Combat Readiness Evaluation and preparing for its seven

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The MEU’s Maritime Special Purpose Force executed a Visit, Board, Search and Seizure on a vessel off the coast of Southern California and a Direct Action mission at Los Angeles’ famed Ambassador Hotel.

The MSPF is the MEU’s core element that conducts select maritime special operation missions. The team is comprised of the MEU’s Force Reconnaissance platoon, an infantry security pla-

toon, battalion reconnaissance Marines, scout snipers and special detachments from the MEU’s Command Element and MEU Service Support Group.

Battalion Landing Team 1/1 conducted a boat raid on San Clemente Island, a long-range, helicopter-borne raid aboard Marine Air Ground Task Force Training Command Twentynine Palms, Calif., a Tactical Recovery of Aircraft and Personnel in the Mojave Desert, a Noncombatant

1/3, From A-1

commanding officer Lt. Col. Joseph Osterman said that each unit’s operational tempo will be high.

Some of the training evolutions the Marines will go through consist of a trip to the Northern Okinawa Training Area for Jungle Warfare Training; six weeks of combined arms training in Camp Fuji, Japan; three weeks of cross-training with Japanese military in Sendai, Japan; and exercises in Korea and Australia, explained Osterman.

“The advantage of training here is that it is more tropical, hotter and humid, much like conditions all around the Pacific,” Osterman added.

Though training is the main purpose and will take up the bulk of the deployment, Marines can look forward to some time off to relax, visit and learn about the culture of these far off places.

“I’ve heard stories about de-

ployments from my corporals and sergeants, and I think I am looking forward to working in the tropical environment and with the Japanese military,” said Lance Cpl. Jeff Stuafter, a fire teamleader for Alpha Co., 1/3.

Marine Corps Base Okinawa offers gym facilities and a theater where Marines can relax when they are back at base.

Still, Osterman encourages his Marines to participate in local activities and to learn about these cultures as well.

While the Marines train or enjoy some of the sights around the Pacific Rim, their families can also look forward to a few events being held here at K-Bay.

The Key Volunteer program hosts a monthly get together for the families.

Families can attend a variety of events from a back-to-school barbecue to a pizza party. No matter what the event is, all 1/3 families

are invited.

“I want us to get together once a month to meet as a battalion. We work close as a family and battalion,” said Jeanette Urquidez, the 1/3 Key Volunteer coordinator. She recommends each spouse contacts her company’s Key Volunteer coordinator or contact her at 254-4513.

Prior to the Marines departure, the battalion held one final event for the families and Marines — the 1/3 Family Day. This event allowed the families to meet and get to know each other before the unit left.

The Marines return from in Okinawa in February 2002. For many of the Marines, this deployment will serve as their last and for others it is just the beginning of a career that could last more than 20 years and take them to other foreign counties.

For now they will train and make the most of their deployment

Evacuation Operation in Southern California and Nevada and a Humanitarian Assistance Operation in the desert basin east of San Diego, Calif.

The BLT, which comprises the MEU’s Ground Combat Element, is reinforced with an artillery battery, amphibious assault vehicle platoon, combat engineer platoon,

light armored reconnaissance company, M1A1 Main Battle Tank platoon and a reconnaissance platoon.

Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 163 (reinforced) not only transported ground forces but also supplied close air fire support and aerial reconnaissance for nearly every mission.

The MEU’s Aviation

Combat Element (ACE) is comprised of CH-53E Super Stallion, CH-46E Sea Knight, UH-1N Huey and AH-1W Super Cobra helicopters and AV-8B Harrier attack aircraft. The ACE also has two KC-130 tanker transport aircraft, which were used to move MEU Marines, Sailors and role-playing “evacuees” over long distances. The ACE also includes air traf-

fic control, air defense and aircraft maintenance personnel.

Supporting the 15th MEU (SOC) with everything it needs for battle, MEU Service Support Group 15 conducted a HAO in the mountains of Warner Springs, Calif., supported the NEO and provided a mass casualty medical team that responded to a simulated

= MILITARY POLICE BLOTTER =

Traffic Court

There were 88 traffic citations issued for the week of June 29-July 5.

The Blotter

-A Marine was arrested by the Honolulu Police Department for assaulting two people.

-A Marine’s wife reported that person(s) unknown stole her silver bicycle, which was left unsecured and unattended on her porch.

-A Marine reported that person(s) unknown stole his wallet and compact discs from his vehicle, which was left unsecured and unattended.

-A civilian employee reported that person(s) unknown entered a storage facility and stole a fax machine, a laptop computer and software.

-A Marine’s wife was detained after she fell asleep and her child was found wandering around outside unattended.

-A Marine reported that person(s) unknown backed into his vehicle and fled the scene.

-A Marine was apprehended after he was stopped for having expired registration and was found to be driving on a suspended license.

-A Marine was apprehended after he was involved in a verbal altercation with his wife, which turned physical when he put her in a headlock.

-A Marine reported that person(s) unknown stole 45 CDs from his unsecured and unattended vehicle.

-A Marine was involved in a traffic accident when he rear-ended a vehicle that was stopped at a posted stop sign.

-Two Marines were arrested by HPD and held without bail pending investigation after they tried to solicit drugs to an undercover police officer.

-A Marine was arrested by HPD after he was found trespassing at a hotel that he was banned from.

-A Marine was apprehended and his wife was detained after they were involved in a verbal altercation, which turned physical when they started scratching each other.

-A Marine was arrested by HPD for driving under the influence of alcohol. His blood alcohol content was .169 percent. Bail was set at \$250.

-A Marine was apprehended and his wife was detained after they were involved in a verbal altercation, which turned physical after he slapped her and pushed her out of the quarters. She then pushed him to gain entry back into the quarters.

-A Marine was appre-

hended for damage to government property and malicious mischief after he set off fireworks, which caused a fire in his carport.

-A civilian employee reported that an identified person filled his vehicle with gas and left without paying.

Lost and Found

To contact Lost and Found, please call Cpl. Adam Fernandez at 257-2103, ext. 325.

Neighborhood Watch

We are looking for neighborhood representatives to take charge of local neighborhood watch programs.

Crime Prevention

Call Crime Prevention for any assistance dealing with Crime Prevention issues or police issues.

Contact Sgt. Kendra Gasper at 257-2103, ext. 314.

MCCS’ Kailua parade entry



Sgt. Otto C. Pleil-Muete

Marine Corps Community Services’ entry in the 2001 Kailua Independence Day Parade makes its way down Kainalu Road in the heart of Kailua July 4. The float was entered to spread the word about MCB Hawaii’s upcoming BayFest 2001 activities scheduled to kick off Friday in the hangar area of Kaneohe Bay.

DI, From A-6

family doesn’t add into the equation,” said Gunnery Sgt. Robert Bell, the 2nd Recruit Training Bn. operations chief for MCRD Parris Island and a former DI, senior DI and series gunnery sergeant.

Although the time apart from his family may be hard, knowing that he is responsible for making young, confused recruits into the next leaders of the Corps is the reason that Bell chose to be a DI.

Nearly every week, a new group of Marines graduate. The mission of a company’s DIs is complete. These new Marines can bring the standards that were taught to them to every station they go to and every job they perform.

“The drill instructor is absolutely vital to the process of making Marines,” according to Marine Corps Order P1326.6D. “The drill instructor is the first Marine

a recruit meets when reporting for active duty and the last Marine the recruit should ever forget,” it continues.

For the recruits, basic training is now over.

Now Marines they can go to their MOS schools to

learn about their jobs.

The DIs will have another group of recruits to train. Another batch of wide-eyed, bewildered individuals to turn into part of the Marine Corps team awaits them.

At the graduation, only

one command remains until the drill instructor’s next cycle.

“Platoon, dismissed,” says the senior drill instructor of each platoon, sending his newly sculpted Marines out into the Corps.